

Baseball Clubs Gather--Reisler Objects to White-Shugrue Bout---National Fielding Records Out

HYATT OWNERS PLAN HERMANN ADVISES

Thinks Federal Promoters Are More Culpable Than Men

CHICAGO EXPENSE GREAT

August Hermann, chairman of the National Commission, intimated yesterday that organized baseball was prepared to take the most drastic action to prevent Federal League promoters from tampering with major league players under contract for next season. Mr. Hermann is here for the National League meeting.

"It strikes me," said Mr. Hermann, "that there is some way to make an example of these so-called sanctimonious business men who have always prated about the sacredness of a contract. I am not speaking in an official capacity, for the desecration of a contract is a crime which they have been disloyal."

"I understand that the National Commission will meet to-morrow in this city," Mr. Hermann continued. "President Johnson of the American League is to be here in the morning with Charles A. Comiskey of the Chicago White Sox. Undoubtedly the questionable methods of certain Federal promoters will come up for consideration. We have at our disposal the very best legal talent of the country, and we have been assured of the justice of our position."

"In my opinion the Federal League never made a greater mistake than that of signing Rube Marquard of the Giants, of course it is Harry N. Hemphreys' loss, and he is not to take action, it is no commission affair."

"In all my negotiations with Charles A. Weeghman relative to the purchase of the Chicago Cubs I acted entirely in an individual capacity. When Charles Taft refused to extend an option for the purchase of the property no bill will have developed. I have heard nothing since that would give me any opinion as to whether or not the purchase of the property would be a chance to continue operations as a league of major pretensions."

"I do not intend to betray confidences and will confine myself to facts that have been given to the newspapers by the Chicago owners. The present annual rent on Weeghman's grounds is \$18,000, under a ninety-nine year lease. After ten years the rent will be \$18,000, and after twenty years \$20,000. Mr. Weeghman claims his equipment cost him \$350,000—that means \$18,000 a year, at least, interest. Last year his salary ran regularly above \$70,000. Next year it would be far, for more, with \$20,000 players of the Walter Johnson stripe. Just figure that out for yourself and see where the Chicago club gets off."

"The Federal League has no world's series to fall back upon and it has no means of arranging attractive exhibition games in the spring to help defray its operating expenses. The major league clubs receive back an average of half the outlay on these lines. Complete maintenance and training expenses must be made from the gate during the regular season. Last year's experience, with a widely scattered circuit running principally to minor league cities, proved this impossible. It will continue impossible, irrespective of playing talent, so long as present territorial conditions prevail."

Hermann intimated very strongly that organized baseball would raise the bar against all Federal League players who have been given to the newspapers by the Chicago owners. The present annual rent on Weeghman's grounds is \$18,000, under a ninety-nine year lease. After ten years the rent will be \$18,000, and after twenty years \$20,000. Mr. Weeghman claims his equipment cost him \$350,000—that means \$18,000 a year, at least, interest. Last year his salary ran regularly above \$70,000. Next year it would be far, for more, with \$20,000 players of the Walter Johnson stripe. Just figure that out for yourself and see where the Chicago club gets off."

According to Hermann Charles Herzog will again manage the Reds if no unforeseen obstacles present themselves. Herzog is expected here to-morrow from his farm. Terms have been discussed. The manager left hurriedly after the close of the season, saying he would meet his boss in New York at the coming meeting. Hermann says that Herzog and Tom Clarke are the only players of the Reds who are in Honolulu with the touring stars of the rival major league.

Barrow's scheme for a schedule of 140 games seemed to meet with the approval of most of the early arrivals. No one would talk of the completed territorial changes. In spite of this the belief grows that two franchises will be transferred. Baltimore will go into new quarters at Ebbets Field, while Jersey City is likely to operate at Syracuse. It is expected that before nightfall an announcement of the sale of the Newark club will be forthcoming. This will leave Ebbets and the McKee brothers free to play the landlord to a minor league club in Brooklyn.

B. M. Higginson Misses Few Birds.

Lancaster, Dec. 6.—B. M. Higginson, shooting in a golf course fourteen others today at the Lancaster Yacht Club's traps, returned the remarkable scratch score of 92, winning the trophy offered in a special handicap match at ten birds. Adding his handicap of 10, Higginson's total was 102. A Bryan Alley won the club handicap, returning a card of 98 on his handicap of 30, and G. J. Corbett continued the club's record by shooting the day with 55 as his score. In the shoot for the monthly cup a Bryan Alley and B. M. Higginson tied with full scores. He also won the visitors' cup with a full score. In the special match at 25 birds B. M. Higginson broke 25 straight.

Other Soccer Results.

At Chelsea Park—Chelsea F. C. 2, Yorkers 0.
At Columbia Oval—New York Celtic, 4, Camerons 0.
At Macombs Dam Park—Bay Ridge, 2, Chelsea 0.
At Oval Continental, 11, Clan Macdonald 0.
At Tibbitts Oval—Columbia Oval, 4, Yorkers 0.
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WAGNER BEST SHORTSTOP. DOAK IS MOST EFFECTIVE

National League Fielding Averages and Pitching Records Reveal Many Interesting Features.

Honus Wagner of Pittsburgh saved something from the wreck of a head-on collision with Father Time, as chronicled in this year's official averages of the National League. The Flying Dutchman was away the best fielding shortstop in Tenor's circuit. In 132 games he set up an average of .950, which was six points better than Miller of St. Louis, his closest rival. Hans played seventeen games at third, but did not shine so brightly there.

Jack Murray of New York is the only Giant besides Marty O'Toole who ranks at the head of a division in fielding, and he, like the pitcher, has to share the honor. Neither Murray nor John Hummel of the Dodgers was guilty of a fielding error. Seven pitchers got by for the year without committing a misdeed.

Johnny Evers of the world's champion Braves was the only member of George Stallings' sensation that proved a fielding superstar in all rivals. At this position Evers showed a fine .976, topping Miller Huggins' best .964.

According to the official rating of Secretary A. J. Heydler, who calculates effectiveness by earned run comparisons, Doak of the Cardinals is entitled to rank first among the National League pitchers for the season of 1914. Doak allowed an average of only 1.72 runs a game of nine innings. Doak did not figure so frequently as Bill James, his closest competitor, whose average was 1.90. According to this manner of rating our own Christy Mathewson stands in a most humble position (for him) thirty-second in the list. Matty allowed an even three runs a regulation game. Bill James of Boston stands first among the iron men. He took part in forty-six battles, completing no less than thirty of them.

Following are the official averages of all who played in fifteen or more games during the season:

RECORD OF PITCHERS WHO PITCHED IN AT LEAST FIFTEEN GAMES.

Arranged According to Percentages of Earned Runs per Nine Inning Game.

Henry, Chi.	21	31	20	18	6	1295	20	10	135	157	26	136	88	22	136	88	
Douglas, Chi.	45	13	239	11	18	0	972	180	11	92	121	4	111	68	4	111	68
Wagner, N. Y.	36	256	16	4	4	106	106	10	106	10	.950	106	106	10	106	.950	
Adams, Pitts.	40	19	253	13	16	3	1116	233	7	29	91	2	97	81	2	97	81
Thompson, Phil.	47	18	185	10	13	3	659	165	1	62	108	22	11	45	22	11	45
Wagner, N. Y.	36	256	16	4	4	106	106	10	106	10	.950	106	106	10	106	.950	
Reulbach,oklyn	44	14	256	11	18	3	1066	226	10	83	119	9	6	108	75	9	6
Wagner, N. Y.	36	256	16	4	4	106	106	10	106	10	.950	106	106	10	106	.950	
Humphries, Chi.	34	8	171	10	11	2	720	158	3	60	87	62	40	11	81	40	11
Tyler, Bos.	38	21	176	16	14	5	1129	247	14	101	101	85	62	118	81	62	118
Wagner, N. Y.	36	256	16	4	4	106	106	10	106	10	.950	106	106	10	106	.950	
Wilder, N. Y.	20	0	38	1	1	0	161	41	0	12	19	1	21	12	1	21	12
Hagaman, St. L. Chi.	22	2	102	3	5	0	428	87	8	52	38	7	50	33	7	50	33
Connelman, Pitts.	33	3	47	3	2	2	1	0	8	10	8	1	1	1	1	1	1
Benton, Cin.	41	16	271	16	18	5	1113	223	11	95	121	11	124	89	11	124	89
McQuillan, Phil.	45	15	259	13	17	0	1050	218	8	60	96	2	100	86	2	100	86
Harlan,oklyn	38	14	298	10	15	1	962	214	3	85	106	0	104	69	0	104	69
Mathewson, N. Y.	36	256	16	4	4	106	106	10	106	10	.950	106	106	10	106	.950	
Robinson, St. L.	26	6	126	7	8	1	528	128	4	32	50	1	61	42	1	61	42
Lean, Cin.	31	1	101	1	1	0	271	55	2	19	20	2	23	19	2	23	19
Mathewson, N. Y.	36	256	16	4	4	106	106	10	106	10	.950	106	106	10	106	.950	
Lavender, Cin.	37	31	214	11	11	1	960	141	11	87	87	8	106	73	8	106	73
Wagner, N. Y.	36	256	16	4	4	106	106	10	106	10	.950	106	106	10	106	.950	
Kantlicher, Pitts.	33	3	47	3	2	2	1	0	8	10	8	1	1	1	1	1	1
Allen,oklyn	36	10	171	8	11	1	707	165	3	57	68	1	70	50	1	70	50
Mathewson, Phil.	18	2	58	3	2	0	243	58	1	23	28	2	29	20	2	29	20
Fromme, N. Y.	38	3	138	9	6	1	575	132	7	44	57	1	57	49	1	57	49
Mathewson, Phil.	18	2	58	3	2	0	243	58	1	23	28	2	29	20	2	29	20
Schmutz,oklyn	18	1	57	1	3	0	235	57	1	13	21	1	29	21	1	29	21
Reier, St. L.oklyn	25	0	104	2	3	0	293	72	3	14	14	1	14	14	1	14	14
Wagner, N. Y.	36	256	16	4	4	106	106	10	106	10	.950	106	106	10	106	.950	
Vingling, Cin.	34	8	108	9	13	3	844	207	6	54	80	7	102	76	7	102	76
Wagner, N. Y.	36	256	16	4	4	106	106	10	106	10	.950	106	106	10	106	.950	
Pierce, Chi.	30	4	141	9	12	0	692	160	6	66	88	4	73	61	4	73	61
Purdie, Bos. St. L.	31	14	265	10	13	0	832	220	8	65	56	4	65	81	4	65	81
Mathewson, Phil.	18	2	58	3	2	0	243	58	1	23	28	2	29	20	2	29	20
Wagner, Phil.	32	6	124	4	4	0	501	134	5	50	49	4	57	47	4	57	47
Smith, Phil.	32	6	124	4	4	0	501	134	5	50	49	4	57	47	4	57	47
Wagner, N. Y.	36	256	16	4	4	106	106	10	106	10	.950	106	106	10	106	.950	
Blair, Phil.	24	2	103	2	11	0	461	124	3	45	41	7	73	50	4	73	50
Wagner, N. Y.	36	256	16	4	4	106	106	10	106	10	.950	106	106	10	106	.950	
Cochran, Bos.	15	5	105	5	5	0	105	48	0	20	49	0	73	64	0	73	64
Wagner, N. Y.	36	256	16	4	4	106	106	10	106	10	.950	106	106	10	106	.950	

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